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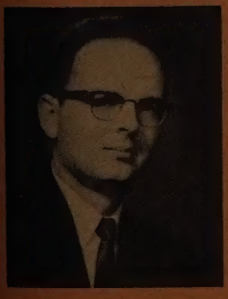

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ABOUT THE COVER

Early October is a time of giving special recognition to the ministry in the life of the church. VIEW-POINT highlights the ministry by having on the cover the picture of six young men who completed their seminary training and were ordained during the past summer.

William W. Carpenter was ordained at First Christian Church in Pomona on May 21. He received his Master of Theology degree from the Southern California School of Theology at Claremont and now is one of the team ministers at Van Nuys Central Christian Church.

Gerald Deaton was ordained by the First Christian Church in Covina on April 30. Southern California School of Theology conferred the degree of Master of Theology upon him, and he is serving as the Minister of Education at Central Christian Church in Glendale.

Charles L. Emerson, was ordained at the First Christian Church of Chula Vista on July 30. After having received his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Christian Theological Seminary, Mr. Emerson continues another year of work in the graduate school to complete his Master's degree.

Harold M. Hively was ordained at the First Christian Church in San Bernardino on July 16. His graduate theology degree is the Bachelor of Divinity from the College of the Bible. Mr. Hively is the minister of the Baldwin Park Christian Church.

Edwin E. Linberg was ordained at the Bethany Christian Church in Pasadena on July 23. After having received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the College of the Bible, he is continuing toward a Master of Theology this year while he serves as the Assistant Minister of the First Christian Church in Mount Sterling, Kentucky.

Larry McHarg was ordained at the Hillside Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas on June 18. Princeton Theological Seminary conferred the Bachelor of Divinity degree upon him and he is now ministering to the Artesia Christian Church.

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AREA ASSEMBLY

Area Secretary James Parrott and President Dwaine Cerbin before the symbol, "The Hand of God."

1961 ASSEMBLY SUMMARY

An Assembly action named the 1962 meeting a "Delegate Assembly," but the attendance of non-delegates will be welcome. The program will be beamed to the delegates as they represent their their churches.

The large symbol, "The Hand of God", was provocative. It had positive meaning to many.

Fourteen churches failed to have any delegate present at any of the three business sessions. The business session was the largest attended each day.

President, Dwaine Cerbin, ably helped the delegates in business sessions find what they wanted to do in the frame of parliamentary order.

In conception and execution, the program sought the "nature of of the church." The search was as a whole-church, not by age-groups or sexes.

Discussion in the business sessions showed many congregations had studied the resolutions in advance. Minority expressions frequently were expressed in the "no" votes.

In the brief time Assembly attendants participated in "Explorations in Depth," members of the seven groups liked the sample. Leaders and participants were prepared and eager.

Delegates, when not in the sessions, frequently expressed the hope that next year the matters of business would be less repetitive of previous years' resolutions; that they might face matters they "could get their teeth into."

There were 5,630 people registered from the churches. Thank you all. ●

1,000 ATTEND ASSEMBLY COMMUNION SERVICE

The mass Communion Service of the Area Assembly, held in the Santa Ana College at 4:00 P.M. on June 25, 1961, drew over 1,000 worshipers into an experience of inspiration, commitment and challenge.

The service was presented in drama form and was written and led by W. Arthur Hixon, minister of the First Christian Church of Sun Valley. The drama was developed in three parts: PAST, with Dean Canady, from the Area Office, enacting the part of Peter and Enoch Henry, now minister of the United Church in Los Angeles, the Ethiopian; FUTURE, with Charles Cowell, minister of youth, North Hollywood First, and Steve Ogden, North Hollywood First, portraying the dramatic roles; and PRESENT, with Dennis Savage, minister of Temple City Christian Church, representing today's counselor to the two youth in the preceding part.

Over 100 men assisted in the service as deacons and elders. Larry Hixon, All People's Church, directed the women who prepared the communion for 3,000 persons. The choirs of First Christian, Santa Ana, and First Christian, Sun Valley, presented two musical numbers: *Let There Be Peace on Earth* and *Serve the Lord in Youth*. Violet Woodford of the Sun Valley Church was the organist.

Appreciation is expressed by Mr. W. A. Hixon and many church leaders to all who participated. ●

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PLANS UNDER WAY FOR 1962 AREA ASSEMBLY

The officers of the 1962 Area Assembly report some items which at this time can be only tentative as a result of their having spent one day in San Diego exploring the possibilities.

The Assembly will open on Thursday evening, May 24, and continue through Saturday. While other sites were considered the, Convention Center in Balboa Park seemed most desirable.

As a result of Assembly action at Orange in 1961, officers are serving for a two year period. Under this procedure, 1st. vice president, Heber Pitman, will be responsibile for the Delegate Assembly in 1962, while president Thomas J. Gibbs, Jr., will have the responsibility for the 1963 Full Assembly.

Dr. Wales E. Smith, program chairman for the 1962 Assembly; Mrs. Russell Washburn, 2nd. vice president; M. Clifford Cole, recorder; and the other officers felt that with particular attention being given to the delegates in the San Diego meeting, the program should thrust both theological and practical aspects of the Christian message.

Desirably, four important themes or subjects would be sought which would be discussed by the delegates in their own churches in pre-Assembly sessions.

An inquiring sheet has been circulated among ministers and lay people, asking which they feel are the most important themes that might be considered in the San Diego meeting. The chairman for the delegation to the 1961 Assembly was asked to circulate these inquiries in their church.

Each congregation has at least four delegates and as many as eighteen. These delegates for the 1962 Assembly will be selected soon by the congregational procedures in order that the most meaningful development may take place between the delegates from a given congregation and the Assembly. Each church will designate one of its delegates as the chairman of its delegation. ●

ORBIT AROUND GOD

by CHARLES ALLEN, layman
McCarty Memorial Christian Church

Recently, Bishop Sheen wrote that man should orbit God. In his editorial he stated that, "As man conquers outer space, he seems to lose conquest of self. In direct proportion as he masters what is outside of him, he seems to become enslaved on the inside. He has more room in which to stretch his muscles; he has less room in which to expand his soul. His thoughts dwell on orbiting the moon; but he himself has no orbit, no one thing around which he revolves." Our minister has often preached on the tragedy of putting a man on the moon before we understand the man on earth. This trend of thought led me to find a different emphasis on missionary giving, one that spotlights the giver rather than the receiver and that tells the joys of giving rather than the benefits of receiving.

For too long now, we have concerned ourselves about the cost of our gifts and the amount of happiness they have brought the receiver. Let us become concerned about the many wonderful opportunities to give and the joys that we reap from giving.

I vividly remember two songs that were faithfully sung at every school assembly, when I was a child. The Ku Klux Klan was riding high at that time and we had a song for them. It was then called the *"Negro National Anthem."* How prayerfully and proudly we sang:

"Lift every voice and sing,
'Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies
of LIBERTY. . ."

When the Rising Sun of Japan and the huge shadow of Hitler's cross fell upon the world, we had a song for them, also. Prouder than even the Pilgrim Fathers could have been, we sang, *"God Bless America"*. It is no longer on the Hit Parade unfortunately, but some of you remember it.

"Far across the sea,
Let us pledge our allegiance
To a land that's free. . ."

Today the storm clouds are gathering again, far across the sea and even ninety miles from home. Let us not give the unfortunate, small, needy, and oppressed countries a dollar. Let's give them a song!

There was an African woman who had two sons, one healthy and the other ill. She went to the river and gave her healthy son as a sacrifice to the crocodile. The ill son she nursed back to health that he might be sacrificed. Let us not give that woman a dollar, let's teach her to give her sons to God. Then when the next Lumumba comes along, her orbit will be the same as ours, an orbit about God.

And still you ask, what about the dollar? And the last desire I have is to tell you not to give it. It would be like going on television to knock the product that is sponsoring you. I say give the dollar, but re-evaluate your reasons for giving.

When you give that dollar, you are giving the students at our Tougaloo Christian College a chance to sit-in in Mississippi, and you are giving some old person in our California Christian Home the chance to wrap the drapes of his couch about him and lie down to pleasant dreams. When you give that dollar, you are giving some orphan the chance to find happiness in a home of people proud to be his family, and you are giving some young men at Chapman College the chance to study for the ministry. When you give that dollar, you are giving your minister the chance to meet with ministers from the South and challenge their stand on segregation; even to move a convention in Louisville to action that has started a fire under segregation in that city. I might add that the flames are still leaping high in the daily papers. When you give that dollar, you are giving some Indians on a reservation a chance to leave and make their place in the world as responsible citizens, and you are giving the Hirayamas a chance to mend broken fences in Germany. When you give that dollar, you are giving our missionaries the chance to teach the Christian way of living in the Philippines.

Where else can so little invested do so much? Where else can you share a dollar to touch the destinies of millions?

Here is your chance. Through missionary giving you can gain conquest of self and gain freedom from within. Through missionary giving you can gain room in which to expand your soul, you can gain an orbit, something around which you can revolve. Yes, through missionary giving you can achieve an orbit around God. ✱

INSPIRATION POINT

EVERY MAN NEEDS A GARDEN

RICHARD DAVIS, Minister
Vista La Mesa Christian Church
La Mesa, California

Come with me to a cave. See there one whimpering, scared man of God--Elijah, by name. Huddled, frightened for his life, withdrawn--Elijah sees himself as the last one on earth who really cares about God--and we are wondering if Elijah cares.

Only moments before, he had scored an unprecedented victory in the dramatic portrayal on Mt. Carmel: "The Lord, he is God; the Lord he is God." Then Elijah gets Jezebel's message that he's as good as dead! And old Elijah runs into the desert until he finds a cave. Elijah, taunter of Baal's prophets: "Cry with a loud voice, perhaps he is asleep!" Now whimpering, "It is enough--take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." Have you ever been *frightened* enough to die? Elijah was.

But with Jonah, it was different. Jonah possessed what we might call, the "gourd-mood". Jonah made his debut in the streets of Nineveh; and it was a pretty good show, if he did think so himself. It was good enough, in fact, that Nineveh repented to the point she even put sackcloth on the beasts. Now Jonah hadn't accounted for Nineveh's repenting; and when fire and brimstone waxed not, Jonah became furious. And he prayed a hot, infuriating prayer, saying: "You mean I've come all this way; I've done all this preaching; and you are going to let these flagrant sinners off?" And Jonah was *angry* enough to die. And he said so.

Come with me to the "oil press," for this is the meaning of Gethsemane. There is an enclosed spot at the foot of the Mount of Olives to this day. . .called Gethsemane. "Its eight olive trees," says Buttrick, "are believed, despite all evidence, to have been a part of the original grove." Nevertheless, it was in the Garden He spoke these words: "My heart is ready to break with grief. Stop here, and stay awake with me." And going on a little way, he fell down and prayed, "Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me without my drinking it, then your will must be done." Jesus was *dedicated* enough to die!

And he came and found them sleeping. And he comes and finds *us* sleeping, not praying, not soul-searching. Who are we? Why are we here? What is the purpose of the Church? What are we trying to do in *our* church? What is the will of God for me in this whole situation? Each of us needs a garden experience in which to ask these questions.

Alexander Paul, forty years a missionary in China, tells of seeing the British Tommies off to World War I, when he was home on furlough. The crowds shouted to the departing soldiers: "Give them hell! Give them Hell!" Alexander's aging father grasped the hand of his missionary son, as he embarked to China, saying: "Give them Jesus Christ, Alec. Give them Jesus Christ!"

It is strange. Elijah, *frightened* enough to die--yet carried off to glory in a chariot of fire. Jonah, *angry* enough to die, probably succumbed to old age. Jesus Christ, *dedicated* enough to die--did!

The Church has been *frightened* enough--she has been *angry* enough--now is she *dedicated* enough?

ECHOES FROM EDEN

The other day a friend ended a discussion of a troublesome, international, crisis with the flippant conclusion, "I'm sure everything will turn out all right."

Seems to me that the residents of Pompeii once took the same attitude. They knew that Vesuvius was a volcano, but even when it started its catastrophic erruption one of the citizens said, "It will be all right." It wasn't. He and thousands of his fellow citizens were entombed in thirty feet of molten lava.

Some fifty years ago a similar occurance happened to the people of Martinique. They anticipated the same old kind of erruption from Mt. Pelee and did not believe that the side of the mountain would open and scorch every living thing.

Perhaps there is a harsh lesson to be learned by those who glance at our mounting preparations for nuclear warfare. These "peace-hopers" (who are quick to criticize but slow to work constructively for peace) can say, "It will be all right." But with modern man's ability for annihilation and his power to either choose or blunder into war, will it really be all right--if this army of blind and bland optimists do nothing to prevent the catastrophe? Asks the poet-prophet, "What did you do for peace, when peace was here?"

Come to think of it the serpent in the garden promised Eve that, "It would be all right." It wasn't.

Yours in reflection,

ADAM

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NO TIME TO SPARE

A careless foot has crushed this lovely flower,
Denying it a beauty-giving hour.
And so, sometimes, a loving heart is rent
By reckless trampling, with no wrong intent.

Anna M. Priestly

FAMILY ALBUM

By train, by plane, by car, by bus—sixty CWF women from Southern California went to the Second Quadrennial Assembly at Purdue University, LaFayette, Indiana, July 19—23.

BRINGING BACK PURDUE

The women who attended the Second Quadrennial Assembly at Purdue will go in teams to all of the eight districts in Southern California, presenting programs during the month of October, with a few scheduled for September and November.

Churches Requesting Programs

Coastal Dist.: Ventura.
San Fern.-Kern Dist.: Devonshire, Glendale Central, Lancaster and Taft.
San Gabriel Dist.: Alhambra, Azusa, and Baldwin Park.
Metropolitan Dist.: All Peoples, Bell, Huntington Park, Santa Monica First.
San Bern.-Riv.-So. Nev. Dist.: Arlington, Barstow, Beaumont, Coachella, Hemet, Ontario, Pomona, Redlands, San Bernardino and Victorville.
Harbor Bay Dist.: Lynwood and San Pedro.
San Diego Dist.: Torrey Pines, Vista, University, and Vista La Mesa.

Many other fellowships are having "Purdue Echoes" by their own delegates.

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RECEIVES CLINICAL TRAINING

Increasing his equipment as the Protestant Chaplain at Intercommunity Hospital in Covina, Robert Burton was in the East the past six weeks. The opportunity to take further work in clinical training was made possible by the hospital administration.

MORE GREEN STAMPS NEEDED

Mrs. Ralph Smith, president of the Women's Campus Club of Chapman College, announces that the Green Stamp Project for a concert, grand piano for Chapman College has reached the 1260 mark. A total of 1875 books are needed. Send yours and aid the Campus Club in reaching their goal.

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LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

On October 15, in thousands of churches throughout the United States and Canada and in the chapels of our service men throughout the world, the regular worship service will be conducted by the laymen of the church. The purpose of this observance is not to minimize the importance of the ordained ministry but to encourage and enlist laymen to participate fully in the church's life and witness. Through denominational cooperation, the third Sunday of October is calendarized as Laymen's Sunday by most of the denominations and by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The theme and program came from the United Church Men, a general department of the National Council. Materials and suggestions are mailed from the national offices of each denomination, to the ministers, who in turn pass it on to the laymen and plan with them for the observance of the day.

HENSLEY TO WILSHIRE

Russell Hensley will close a two and one-half year ministry among the Christian Churches of Southern California when on October 1 he begins as the Associate Minister and Program Director of Wilshire Christian Church, serving with Dr. John Paul Pack, the minister. Before becoming the Secretary of New Church Development, Mr. Hensley had worked in two new churches as pastor. During his service as an Area staff member, he became aware that not alone was there imperative for new churches in unchurched neighborhoods but there also was tremendous need for the Brotherhood's finding how to program to serve the inner-city or downtown church. Community studies in a number of communities show that the people still were in reach of these churches but there was inadequate communication between the church and the people of the neighborhood. This is clearly recognized among Protestants as a major national issue. Nationally and in Southern California certain theories were held to meet this issue, but nothing concrete has been demonstrated. Therefore, when this opportunity came to Mr. Hensley from the Wilshire Church, he felt this would be a splendid opportunity to find the specific answers which would serve not only the Wilshire congregation but probably many other churches as well.

When he closed his work with the Area staff, there were a dozen new churches receiving support and guidance through the Christian Churches Area Office. These churches still will need to be served, though as this was written, a plan had not been developed.

His has been a valuable ministry among the Christian Churches in the area of new church development and of the urban church. His separation from the Area staff has been received with sincere regret by his colleagues and those who work closely with him in Southern California.

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Friends have inquired how they might reach Don Barrett, former director of Christian Education at the Wilshire Church. While he and his family will move into their own home before school starts, the best address available as this is written is: % Mr. C. A. Barrett, 1821 N. Farragut, Portland 17, Oregon.

CO RIVERA--The Fall Festival the Rivera Christian Church will held on October 7. The theme ll be the Gay Nineties.

Summertime was picnic time and church enjoyed a fine day of llowship as planned by Mrs. Lou nson and Mrs. Vern Jones, co-airmen of the Membership Depart-nt. Recreation was planned by Mr. d Mrs. Al Draper and John Kuder-n. Rev. James McCallum lead the ng service and Rev. David Stewart ve a devotional message.

ORRANCE, First-- Mr. and Mrs. W. Bartholomew welcomed the rival of Miss Aud Kleven of Orkdal, orway the first of August. Miss leven is the American Field Service udent at Torrance High School and ill make her home with the Bartho-mews this year.

ARDENA--George Fiske, minister First Christian Church, reports at the Ministerial Association greed to back the two petitions to t the question of gambling on the allot in Gardena again.

ZUSA--When First Christian Church as looking for sponsors for Chi ho, they said it this way: "There s an urgent need for a couple young nough to remember being children hemselves."

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"THE GOSPEL STORY"

Written by M. Jack Suggs, the pur-ose of this study is to inspire lay-nen to read the scriptures and find or themselves *The Gospel Story.* The author shows that the four bio-graphers of Jesus were as much con-cerned with spiritual values as with historical facts. Jesus is at the cen-er of the story because he is at the center of life.

This new publication is available at the Bethany Bookstore in Los Angeles.

CMF SEQUOIA RETREAT

The men of the Christian Churches of Northern and Southern California came together at Lake Sequoia for their annual retreat on August 25--27.

This retreat gave men an opportunity to listen to speakers, to gain inspiration, to discuss affairs pertinent to their Christian commitment, and a time of fellowship.

It was also an opportunity to draw apart from the world's cares and to be alone in God's creation. In the vast quietness of the out-of-doors, men felt at peace with the world and took time to evalnate their own lives.

Preparations are already being made for the CMF Sequoia Retreat in 1962. The facility at Lake Sequoia is being expanded to care for more men than attended this year. It is suggested that each CMF in the local church, include this retreat in their year's program and plan to send one or two men, at least.

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FALL EVANGELISM ADVANCE

Earlier announcement was made of an Areawide evangelistic campaign this Fall. With the loss of James Warren, the secretary of that department, these plans now have been cancelled. O. A. Tolliver, chairman of the department, says, "We are now working out the plans for an Areawide Evangelistic Crusade in early 1963. Dr. Bayne Driskell will be the leader. Churches soon will have opportunity to review the plan and decide to par-

RHODES ELMORE RULE

The death of Rhodes Elmore Rule in mid-August was a great loss not only to his family but to the Christian Churches as well. Stricken with cancer, memorial services for Mr. Rule were held at Forest Lawn in Glendale August 16. His surviving family are Mrs. Rule and Danny, a student at Occidental College.

His contributions to the church and community were varied and large. As an architect he designed several churches; the new Orange First Church was used the first time August 13. A member of Wilshire Church, he served as vice president of the International Convention in 1961. Both the Y.M.C.A. and Kiwanis Club had known his strong service. Chapman College and the hospital in Africa where Dr. John Ross serves, were deep concerns of his.

Since the Disciple Homes Corporation was set in operation by the Area Assembly, Mr. Rule's tireless work as skilled artisan and dedicated servant was a major factor in securing and remodeling Bethany Towers. He had the satisfaction of knowing that by December, 1961, this life-care home for senior citizens would be serving to full capacity.

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FULLERTON--During National Library Week, First Christian Church encouraged its people to purchase books to donate to the library. At the time of this report, sixteen books had been put into service.

DEACON'S DILEMMA BY WALT STANCHFIELD

CHRISTIAN VIEW-POINT
"I SUPPOSE I OUGHT TO BE PHILOSOPHICAL ABOUT THIS AND BE GLAD IT'S NOT THE MORNING NEWSPAPER . . . ."
STANCHFIELD

there is not like

MRS. AUST... minister
Downey ... Church

MEN...SHOW GOD'S LOVE THROUGH PATERNAL LOVE

How many men are there in the pre-school departments of your church on Sunday morning? There are probably many who hurry in to deposit their children and then rush off to adult classes or the church service. The superintendent or treasurer may stop by in carrying out his duties. In addition to these, are there also men on the teaching staff? There certainly should be! For there is nothing like a man to work with our young children.

What do the little ones gain from having men in the church school? Their greatest benefit is the influence of the masculine point of view. Too few children have sufficient opportunity to share experiences with men and to observe how they act and think differently from women. Frequently fathers are away from families more hours of the week than with them, so mothers' ideas are primary. Yet, for children these are the formative years in which their attitudes and feelings about themselves and their roles as adult men and women are established. In addition, nearly every group has a Billy or a Susie who has no chance for a relationship with father at home; a Sunday morning daddy is a real substitute. To all pre-schoolers this close friendship with men in the church school is significant and rewarding.

In developing an understanding of religion and God, it is helpful to have men. When Johnny has a happy experience playing and praying with a father in church school, it is easier for him to comprehend the love of God, the Father. Also, the presence of men indicates to children, in a way more forceful than words, that the church is as vital to men as to women. We are short-changing our childrens' Christian education unless we provide men teachers.

What does serving on a church school staff do for the men? They receive the satisfaction of knowing that they have contributed to the Christian growth of little children. They have the fun of helping Jimmy become more willing to share, of encouraging Jane to leave her mother and make new friends among her peers, of telling Mary about the love of Jesus.

Through contacts with many ... dren, fathers grow in appreci... and understanding of their ... families and are better ab... enter into all home activities ... the men whose children are g... and for those not yet blessed ... families, teaching small chil... offers an outstanding opport... to enjoy them and show ... paternal love.

In addition, what does it ... to the church to have men t... ing in such groups? Their ... tige strengthens the entire ... gious education program. In ... instances the enrollment in ...

MEN...ADD PRESTIG...

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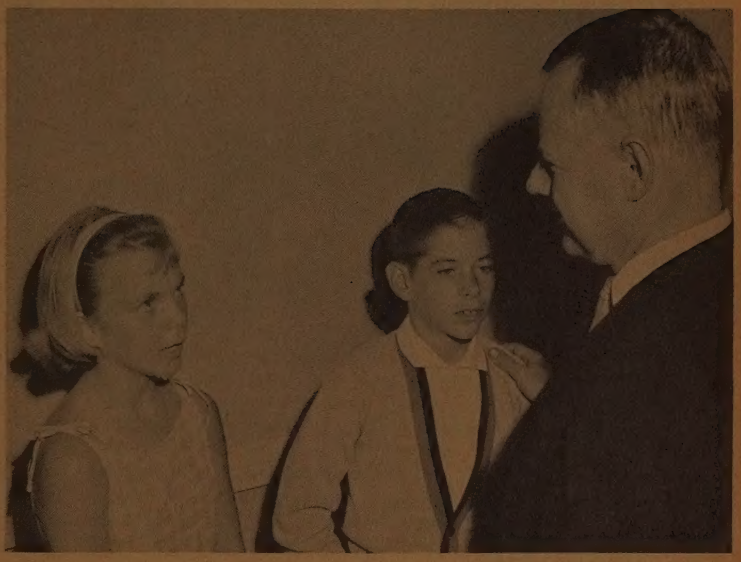


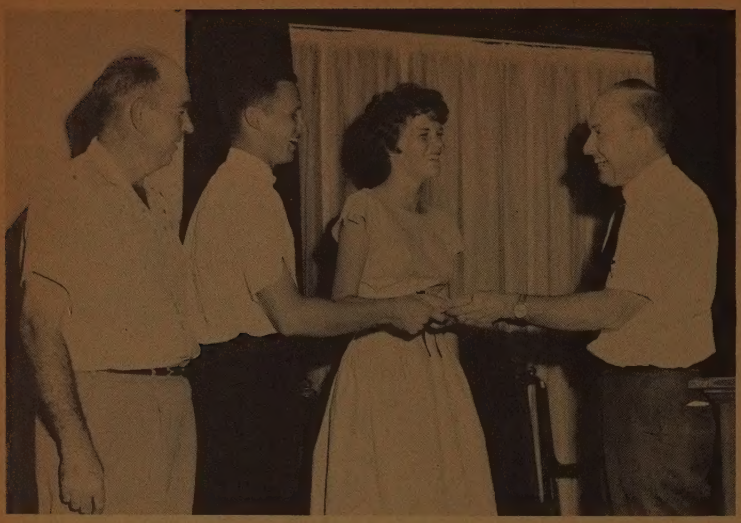
MEN...BUILD FAITH THROUGH GENTLE GUIDANCE

CATIONAL PROGRAM

sion. Team teaching has advantages, particularly in the pre-school departments where several teachers are necessary to care for the varying needs of the tiny ones. As one of the team, the man assumes equal responsibility in making preparations and in carrying out the program on Sunday morning. If he has special talents in music, at the wood-working bench or in directing the wheel-toy traffic, certainly such capabilities should be utilized. However, he should not act only as furniture mover or disciplinarian for obstreperous boys since that would present to the children a distorted picture of the masculine role.

If we who have an interest in church schools are to have the benefits of men teachers in the nursery, kindergarten and primary departments, we must actively publicize the values of men working either as individuals or one of of a team. We should survey the congregation for men who like small children and understand them -- fathers with tiny tots, men without little ones, even college students -- all are potential teachers. We should encourage them by inviting them to be observers in the pre-school sessions to see firsthand the experiences offered this age group; how small children act and what is expected of the teachers. This observation should by followed by a time to discuss what has happened and to ask questions. Moreover, it is well to urge them to participate in staff meetings. Finally, as the men begin teaching, we must give them assistance and support.

FOR MEN ONLY: *Why not join the fun of teaching small children on Sunday morning! Your wife will be happy to have you on a team with her. Your children will be thrilled to have you share the blocks, paints, pictures and stories of church school. You will be excited as you realize the useful part you are playing. There is nothing like a man in the pre-school departments. Why not prove it to yourself!* ✱



For the fifth consecutive year, the San Bernardino-Riverside-So. Nevada District Christian Men's Fellowship has awarded a $500.00 scholarship to each of two students from the District who are preparing for full-time Christian service at Chapman College, Orange, California. The two scholarships are provided by the District laymen who contribute a dollar each in the "Dollar Year Man" project, augmented by proceeds from an annual church banquet. Miss Penny Bergman, Arlington Christian Church and Dennis Short, First Christian, Pomona, are receiving $500.00 each from Mr. Karl Harris, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Mr. Melvin Parker, District CMF President is looking on.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES

Lynn Rollier, for two years pastor of the First Christian Church in Rialto, resigned his ministry during the summer and closed his work in mid-September. The Rialto Church has called Willard M. Roberts of Laverne, Oklahoma, who began as their new leader on October 1.

In early August, Floyd McCarthy presented his resignation as minister of the Woodland Hills Christian Church. September 10 was his last Sunday with the congregation. The next few months will find him leading finance campaigns while seeking another ministry.

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GROWTH AT LANCASTER

The members of the First Christian Church of Antelope Valley, in Lancaster, dedicated their new buildings on September 17, 1961. Recently completed for occupation were the first units of a master building plan, which consists of a large multipurpose unit and one wing of the educational units. About 4,000 square feet are now available for use. The multipurpose unit will seat about 250 people. The architect, David R. Harkness, has given a new and unique design to the multipurpose unit to which the main sanctuary will later conform.

The church in Lancaster was organized in February of 1955 at which time Rev. P. Meredith McClure served as minister. In 1957 Rev. Lewis Eloe came to serve the congregation on weekends only. In March, 1958, Rev. Robert L. Moore was called as minister to the congregation. In February of 1959 they held a building fund campaign in which $26,000 was pledged over a three year period. Shortly after this time, David R. Harkness was engaged as architect, and the congregation approved a building program with a total cost of about $100,000.

Construction of the present units began in September of 1960. The contract cost of these units is about $55,000, excluding the furnishings, painting, parking lot, and landscaping. The total value of the present property, building and improvements is about $90,000. The New Church Development Department of the Christian Churches of Southern California assisted this capital program with $15,000 of gift money. Also, the committee on Military and Veterans Services gave the congregation an additional $2,500.

The church at the present, has about 200 resident members. The congregation now looks forward to serving the area of Lancaster and Palmadale with greater strength and stability. In the past two and one-half years, the area has suffered from a sharp economic decline and loss of population. In spite of a continuing turnover of members, the congrega- has been able to show some growth.

FELLOWSHIP DAY

The Fellowship groups of the Christian Churches (CWF, CMF, CYF, and SOYF), will participate in a Fellowship Day at the First Christian Church of Santa Ana, 1720 W. 17th Street, on October 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Davis, missionaries in the Republic of the Congo, will be the featured speakers for the day.

Mr. Davis was first stationed at Wema, one of the missions of The United Christian Missionary Society. It is one of the primitive areas of Congo, but now has more than 4,500 Christians and 60 churches. Later he was moved to Coquilhatville to become the legal representative and handle customs jobs for our mission.

Mrs. Davis performed educational duties at both Wema and Coquilhatville.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Davis, there will be a representative from the national office at Fellowship Day.

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FORMER MISSIONARY TO MONROE STREET

Ray A. Peterson has become the minister of the Monroe Street Christian Church in Los Angeles. He began August 1 when Paul Dear closed his service there.

A member of Wilshire Christian who in recent years has worked at Douglas Aircraft, Mr. Peterson will serve the church part-time for the present. His missionary service was in Tibet under the U.C.M.S.

S DIEGO CENTRAL PLANS T STAY DOWNTOWN!

ile the November issue of View- it will carry a more detailed cle, the momentous decision of tral Christian Church in San go to acquire new property in the ntown area and build an entirely facility, is of great importance. congregation and pastor, Heber nan, have applied themselves gently and efficiently to discover will of God and the needs of the munity in making the choice. ew property at the corner of ond and Fir Street was due to e out of escrow on September 15. church will develop its complete gram including those of meeting needs of service men, senior zens, and the apartment house ller. Architect Charles Betts of Board of Church Extension has ised a multi-story building which n completed will compose a half- lion dollar investment. The 75th iversary of Central in late Octob- will bring these and other impor- t considerations into focus for the gregation and the community.

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INS INVESTMENT FIRM

ames A. Warren, formerly Secre- of Evangelism and Stewardship he Christian Churches of Southern ifornia, has accepted a position h Bateman, Eichler and Company, estment brokers. After a six ths training period he will be ated in the Long Beach Branch ice of the firm.

A MATTER OF CURIOSITY

It's the curiosity of Mrs. Mary M. Sackett, a member of the Highland Park Christian Church and now living at 128 S. Avenue 52, to inquire who may have been a member of a congregation longer than she. She united with the Christian Church in October of 1889.

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GIFT TO HEALTH CENTER

Donald C. Jones, pastor of the Eastmont Christian Church, reports that upon her death Mrs. Betty Woods gave several hundred dollars to the United Christian Missionary Society and to Dr. John Ross's work in The Congo. In addition, she left her real property to the Eastmont church. Upon the sale of the property, the board and the congregation voted to use ten per cent of the income for some outreach project outside their own church. Because there are already two ladies from the congregation who now live at the California Christian Home, there was particular interest in the Home, and it was felt that it would be most worthwhile to use the money there.

Therefore, it was with pleasure that Mrs. Charmichael, chairman of the World Outreach Committee presented a check for over $1300 to Lawrence Wells of the N.B.A. for the purpose of furnishing one of the double rooms in the new Health Center at the California Christian Home.

The balance of the estate money will be used to reduce the mortgage on the parsonage and the church property.

YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Representing Southern California at the North American Ecumenical Youth Assembly on the campus of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, August 16-23, 1961 were: Nancy Cuthbertson, Area CYF President (Westchester); Jon Lacey, Vice President (Pomona); Gael Harrington, Secretary (Orange); Linda Thyberg, San Diego District President (Pacific Beach); Dave Hull, Past Vice President (Westchester); and counselors Virginia Reid, Santa Paula; and Haywood Pritchett, Area Youth Chairman. Don Sheldon (Bakersfield) attended as an International CYF officer, Jerry Jones (Whittier) served on the faculty and Kathy Barnette (Chapman College) attended as a fraternal delegate from the European Youth Assembly. She later represented Southern California at the General Council of the United Christian Youth Movement.

These youth are available to local churches for interpretation of the total witness of Christian youth in the ecumenical church.

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THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

Many groups around the country are receiving copies of promotional literature sent out by World Clothing Fund, sponsor of World Clothing Week.

Those who may receive this literature should know that this is not a part of the work of the Brotherhood or of Church World Service and that some of the clothing is sold to pay for operating expenses.

THE NURSING CENTER AT CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN HOME is progressing satisfactorily toward a completion date, anticipated in November. This 46-bed facility will relieve some of the pressure of the long waiting list of people wanting to come into the Home. . . . There is an impressive need for gifts from churches and individuals twoard the furnishing of this Center, so that we may be able to be in operation as soon as possible.

C.O.B. DEAN SPEAKS AT ORDINATION

Dr. Ralph G. Wilburn, Dean of the College of the Bible at Lexington, Kentucky, preached the ordination sermon when Edwin Carl Linberg was ordained at Bethany Christian Church in Pasadena on July 23.

Mr. Linberg received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in June 1961 at the College of the Bible where he will continue his studies, working for the degree of Master of Theology. He has served the First Christian Church of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, as assistant minister since the Fall of 1957. Married to the former Mariette Smith of Pasadena, the Linbergs have a two year old daughter, Cather-Ellen. The parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Linberg are active in the Pasadena Bethany Church where George W. Crain is the minister.

In a reception following the service of ordination, the church gave special recognition to the newly ordained minister who had been reared in this congregation. In the name of the congregation the couple received a lovely picture of Sallman's *Head of Christ*, Nelson's *R.S.V. Concordance*, a fifty year minister's record book inscribed with the young man's name, and a check for $212.00.

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OPPORTUNITY

Los Angeles -- Wilshire Christian Church recently received this note: "May I tell you that it is a very nice thing that you are doing -- opening your roof-deck for the business women in this area, where they may eat their lunch in a lovely atmosphere. I'm employed in the Tishman Building, and since none of the Tishman buildings furnish a place to eat a lunch, this jesture on your part has been most appreciated. I just had to tell you that I think this is a Christian thing to do and wanted to say, 'Thank you'."

GROUND BREAKING FOR NEW HAWAII CHURCH

The newly established Windward Christian Church of Kailua, Hawaii he a ground-breaking service on Sunday afternoon, May 28. The service was he on a two-acre parcel of land purchased for the church by the Committee on Mi itary and Veterans Services of the United Christian Missionary Society. Sin January, 1960, this church has represented the Disciples of Christ in a rapi ly-growing military and defense area on the side of the island of Oahu opp site Honolulu. The new site is adjacent to the Windward Y.M.C.A. where th new congregation will continue to hold services until their building is co pleted in the Fall.

George Jacobs, pastor of the First Christian Church of Honolulu spo briefly, giving a summary of events leading up to the establishment of t church and its further development. The First Christian Church has assist the new congregation in getting started. Navy Chaplain, Charles H. Swi represented the military chaplaincy of the Disciples of Christ in Hawaii by h participation in the service.

The congregation plans to erect a $67,000 first unit consisting of a fello ship hall, which will also serve as a temporary worship area, and education space for the Church School. The New Church Advance program of the Chri tian Churches (Disciples of Christ) is investing $20,000 in the building. Th Board of Church Extension has aided the congregation in preparing for i building program.

Under the leadership of its pastor, Stanley E. Kain, this congregation seventy-four members serves many military personnel and their families as well as the permanent residents of this multi-racial area.

ABOUT THE PICTURE:

George Jacobs, pastor of First Christian Church, Honolulu, turns the fir shovel of dirt at the ground-breaking service of the Windward Christian Church Kailua, Hawaii, as other participants in the service look on. They are fro left to right: Stanley E. Kain, Minister, Windward Christian Church; John H McAuliffe, Jr., Architect; Vincent VanBrocklin, Chairman, Building Committee Windward Christian Church; Carl G. Schuler, Contractor and Builder; Cpl. Ro er Pipkin, U.S.M.C. (representing military personnel of congregation); Georg A. Roth, Chairman, Official Board, Windward Christian Church; Rudy Ullric Minister, First Baptist Church—Windward, Kailua, Hawaii; Mrs. Kenneth Ya ger (representing the women of the congregation); Randy Mason (representin the children of the congregation); Commander Charles H. Swift, Chaplain, U. Navy (representing the Disciples of Christ chaplaincy in Hawaii), Miss Jo-Le Cooke (representing the youth of the congregation).

MARRIAGE OF MISS SIPPLE

Rev. and Mrs. M. Milton Sipple announce the marriage of their daughter, Mary Caroline, to Jerrell Wood. The wedding was held at their church, the First Christian in Torrance, on August 18.

The editor welcomes any comments or suggestions the readers would like to make ABOUT VIEW-POINT. Address your letters to: The Editor, Christian VIEW-POINT, 3126 Los Feliz Blvd. Los Angeles 39, California

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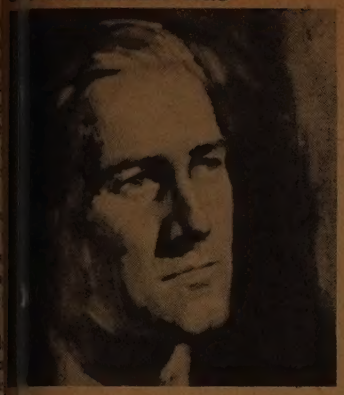

e other Sunday our preacher , "Every member of the church pected to give."
d I asked, "Why?"
d then, before the preacher (or ody else) could answer, I went to say, "I don't think that the cher or anybody else can tell me, I should give. There are some s (I included myself but didn't tion my name) who have been bers of this congregation longer has the preacher, and who don't ."
en the preacher said, and he it to all of the congregation well as to me, "The truth is, you correct. In many churches only t one-half of the members are lar givers. This is the reason we concerned."
he church needs more money?" es," agreed the preacher, "That ue. The church does need more y with which to do Christ's , both in our own community and nd the world."
ut," I persisted, "All the bills paid. So reports the treasurer." he church has bigger business paying bills." From the preach- look and tone of voice I knew he was intensely in earnest. e work of the church is to make n to all the plan, the purpose the love of God. The church is le, like-minded in their dedica- to the achievement of this objec- . All are expected to share as an ession of their gratitude to God in order to have a worthy part in stian work."
increasing number of congrega- s are using the new Every Member vass materials and methods in uring the commitments of worthy port from all members. Kits of ples have been mailed to all min- rs from the officers of Unified notion. Now is the time to order olies for Fall programs.

LEGGIT IS NEW ASSOCIATE

The Temple City Christian Church has called Jerry Leggit as its associate minister and he began his work in early August. Formerly he and his wife, Verna, were members of the First Christian Church of Pomona while Mr. Leggit attended the Southern California School of Theology at Claremont where he expects to complete his seminary training. He will share the ministry with Dennis Savage, pastor of the Temple City Church.

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BPW FALL RETREAT

The Business and Professional Women's Fall Retreat will be held at Loch Leven on October 14 and 15. The retreat will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude with the worship service and communion service led by Mrs. H. R. Shaffer, Area Secretary for Christian Women's Fellowship.

Mrs. Bertha Cooper is the principal speaker, presenting the Latin America theme by the use of slides.

Those persons attending the Purdue Quadrennial this summer will give leadership at a workshop period.

In honor of the tenth anniversary of BPW, special recognition will be given to the first officers of this organization and the past presidents.

The new project for this year will be presented. The BPW groups in the churches plan to raise $1,000.00 for a chapel at the Friendship Mission in Ascuncion, Paraguay where Raymond and Betty Mills are missionaries.

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LOS ANGELES-- Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church, on September 15, welcomed Robert M. Bock as its Associate Minister in the field of Christian Education and Social Action. Mr. and Mrs. Bock were formerly associated with the Central Christian Church in Indianapolis.

SOUTHWEST WORKSHOP

October 30 through November 4 are the dates of the Southwest Pacific Group Life Workshop for ministers and their wives. This is the second conference dealing with group dynamics to be held at Loch Leven Conference Grounds. The first was held last year. Dr. George Oliver Taylor of The United Christian Missionary Society is developing a splendid faculty from across the country. This is one of the few such conferences held across the United States among the Christian Churches. Its aim is to enable these two leaders in the congregation to find how to be of the greatest value to groups in the local church.

Different from the Workshop of 1960, the 1961 conference will have a series of lectures on the theory of group dynamics.

Registrar for the Workshop is Josh Wilson, 1177 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, 6, California.

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ROBERT GATES ORDAINED

Mr. Robert Gates was ordained to the Christian ministry on July 23, 1961, at the Central Christian Church in Van Nuys. Churches participating in the ordination were Central Christian, Van Nuys; Woodland Hills Christian Church; and Crenshaw Christian Church.

Aldis Webb, former interim minister at Van Nuys Central, was the chairman of the Ordination Council. Sharing with Dr. Webb were elders from the three churches along with Rev. Lee Pryor, former minister of the Van Nuys Church; Rev. Haywood Pritchett, former pastor at Woodland Hills, under whose ministry Robert Gates made his decision to enter the ministry; and Rev. Floyd McCarthy, minister at Woodland Hills.

Rev. Gates will return to Oregon to complete his work at Northwest Christian College while serving one of the Oregon churches.

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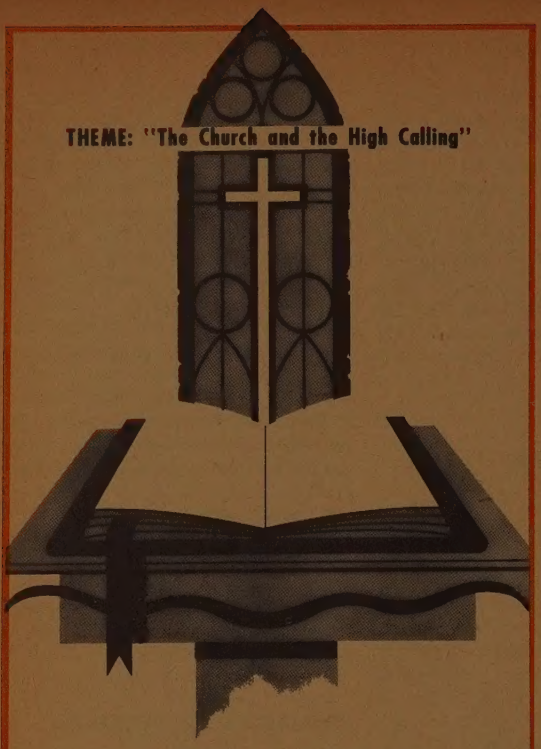

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WAY OUT ON A LIMB

We live in a pretty exciting world; things really go on. . . Not at all like my tree-hanging days in Jericho. Then about the only excitements we had were an occasional rush of a Roman chariot, the shouting rants of some outcast zealot, or the interesting chaos of a loose donkey in the marketplace.

But things are different now. Knowledge of five or six hundred dead on Labor Day weekend affects us only vaguely – so long as we're not among them. Other things do grab us though:

– Berlin, a loud-mouthed master of innuendo and deceit getting stinky-tough to test us, to see just how far we'll go,

– Cuba, a carbon copy of the above with a little less experience and a fuzzy face, but just as loud a voice and mighty close to home – like a mosquito you can't quite catch,

– And Kennedy's draft call. Just doing what he thinks is right: 250,000 men mobilized to service, build the army, fatten the navy, on with the marines, strengthen the air force. Some of will have to go – life interrupted, pick up again, for what?

COMING EVENTS

Oct. 1	World Communion Sunday
Oct. 2, 3	CWF Planning Conference
Oct. 4	National Day of Prayer
Oct. 4	CMF President's Conf. – Loch Leven
Oct. 7	Worship Workshop (Children's Workers)
Oct. 9	View-Point Commission
Oct. 10	Ministers and Minister's Wives meeting
Oct. 11	Business and Finance Department
Oct. 12	Worship Worshop (Children's Workers)
Oct. 14	CMF Commission Meeting
Oct. 14, 15	BPW Fall Retreat, Loch Leven
Oct. 15	Laymen's Sunday
Oct. 16	Department of Resources
Oct. 17	Executive Committee of Board of Directors
Oct. 17	Urban Church Department
Oct. 17	Evangelism Department
Oct. 18	Churchman's Foundation
Oct. 28	Fellowship Day (missionary)
Oct. 30 – Nov. 4	Group Life Workshop

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FOR WHAT?

When the push of a button can set off such a chain of destruction and death that perhaps no o of us will survive.

When a man can go around the world in a sat lite in less time than it takes to wash a small c when the use of a gun has never solved any r problems, has never made any man whole, h never taught a man to love another, has never giv much hope for a better tomorrow. . . only death. destruction. . . hunger. . . sickness. . . poverty . distrust. . . hatred. . . filth. . . HATRED. . . pain HATRED!

FOR WHAT?

For the fear we have of losing our American w of life. Indeed, of losing our very own lives. I the purpose of "saving" democracy and Christi ity, for keeping the world free, where man has t right to be an individual, to say what he believ to live as he sees fit so long as he respects rights of every other man.

With a gun because we don't know any other w No, because we don't trust any other approach. just can't trust any other way.

LIKE LOVE. . .

Anyone who really believes love will work is idiot. Let him come among us; let him talk of l ing neighbors and enemies; let him get a followi let him call out for a relationship of love with G let him influence a few lives. But don't ever b lieve he'll change anything! If he gets to obnoxiou we'll take care of him. We might even crucify h or something.

Pretty exciting days, these. Probably blow whole works yet, unless we can find some kind an answer. . . . Too bad this love thing isn't pr At least I guess is isn't, no one's really tried hard, except Him – but He did change *me*.

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Book Review

"Tales From a Troubled Land"

by

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Reviewed by
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The author of *Cry, The Beloved Country,* again in this book, gives us in his simple, compassionate, yet vivid manner, a series of pen portraits.

You will meet Sponono, an engaging rascal, who had noble ideas of behaviour which he neglected to practice, even though he expected others to do so. When through frailty or other motives he was found at fault, he reminded his teachers that Jesus taught we should forgive even seventy times seven. Sponono is a baffling, yet fascinating person to study.

Little "Ha Penny" will wring your heart, for, out of six hundred boys in the reformatory, this small boy with his imaginary family touched the heart of his principal as well as others.

Then there is Edward Simelane, a black man whose sculptored art won an award. An exciting adventure transpires when his *African Mother and Child* is exhibited in a bookshop, and it is in this story we drain the dregs of the cup of racial intolerance. Simelane speaks, "Yes, I knew what he meant, and I knew that for God's sake he wanted to touch me, too, and he couldn't; for his eyes had been blinded by years in the dark. And I thought it was a pity, for if men never touch each other, they'll hurt each other one day. And it was a pity that he was blind and couldn't touch me, for black men don't touch white men any more; only by accident when they make something like, *Mother and Child.*

Revealing stories of flesh and blood people are to be found in *Tales From a Troubled Land.* It is easy to read, and hard to forget.

is book may be purchased from The Bethany Bookstore, Los Angeles. Price: $3.50. ✱

THE SILENT PARTNER

Lewis R. Eloe, Director, Northridge Family Counseling Center

Two people marry usually because they satisfy mutual needs within each other.

The silent, quiet, self-contained person is attracted to the talkative, outgoing, gregarious person, perhaps, because he wishes for or sees in the other a counterpart of himself.

If the needed satisfaction is maintained and balanced, the marriage will probably be as successful as any other. However, as the years pass, their roles in the marriage become more fixed and less satisfying to each other. Often, after ten or fifteen years of marriage, you find one partner the social lion and the other partner the social mouse.

There are limitations to a marriage with a *silent partner* which needs to be understood.

The relationship is limited in its development because the *silent partner* tends to keep his thoughts and feelings locked up within himself. The relationship, therefore, can develop only as far as the *open partner* is willing to share of himself in the marriage.

There are certain underlying antagonisms which, even though denied, tend to develop. One partner feels the weight of social development and responsibility and resents the lack of cooperation. The *silent partner* feels resentful for being coerced into social encounter.

Also, there is a feeling of resentment directed towards oneself for not being more outgoin

At first the antagonisms a well repressed. Often as the yea go by, they come out in op criticism and antagonistic action.

What can be done if this situ tion is developing or has develo ed in your family?

1. Great care should be tak that one does not give up with t other partner or with themselv Don't buy the old saying, "I just born to be silent," Esse tially, this is nothing but an e cuse and a way of giving in oneself.

2. One needs to consider they are conscious of their a tions. If they are "conscio actions" they can be controlle The *silent partner* can talk mo and give more emotionally himself.

3. The *silent partner* can dev lop more social qualities. He c enter into activities which w help develop the ability to co municate and share. (Chur committees and clubs are exce lent.)

4. The attitude that one h regarding his *silence* is of utmo importance. One should nev allow himself to feel defeated to permit the other partner to a sume the social responsibili for both. Everyone should acce their own responsibility for co munication, sociability, and f friends.

A *silent partner* may nev become a social lion but one c strike a happy medium betwe "living within" and "living wit out."

NEXT MONTH: Mr. Eloe w will discuss, "The Partner W Talks Too Much." ✱